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BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health and
Chief Public Health Inspector

CORRIGENDUM TO THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Sheet 10 - Paragraph 6 - Ambulance Facilities should read: "Four ambulances operate in the District, three are centered in Tiverton and the other in Cullompton".

Paragraph 7 - Clinics and Treatment Centres:-
Delete all reference to Consultation Clinic.

Sheet 13 - Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation should read: "Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Measles and B.C.G. Immunisation".

B O R O U G H O F T I V E R T O N

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1971

Part-time Medical Officer of Health
G. NICHOLSON, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.F.C.M.

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ROBERT F. COLDHAM, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

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GRAHAM A. WISEMAN, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerical Assistant/Shorthand Typist
Mrs. D. TEDDER.

Rodent Operative
A. G. WATTS.

The Chairman of the Health Committee
for the year 1971 was:-

Alderman C. S. SKINNER.



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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE
BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

1st January to 31st December, 1971

Public Health Department,
2 St. Peter Street,
Tiverton, Devon.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1971.

The Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres. The area taken up by the 'built up' area of the Borough has been increasing steadily over the last few years.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Messrs. J Heathcoat and its subsidiaries are the chief source of employment.

The Globe Elastic Thread Company, on the industrial estate at Kennedy Way, manufactures elastic thread and is also associated with Messrs. J. Heathcoat and Company.

The Whitbread Group have a brewery in Phoenix Lane and large extensions at Howden Industrial Estate.

Weldcontrol (Devon) Limited, which specialises in welding, is now an expanding firm and have transferred their business to larger premises.

Fenton's Manufacturing Company, on the industrial estate at Kennedy Way, continues to manufacture toilet requisites.

Poultry and Egg Packing are two smaller industries in the Borough.

Blundell's School, a large public school, is also situated in Tiverton.

Population estimated mid-year 1971 - 15,660

Domestic Properties as shown in Rates Book 1st April, 1971 - 5,350

Rateable Value - £611,408

Estimated Penny Rate Product - £5,767.

Swimming Bath

Owing to the generosity of Sir John Heathcoat Amory, Bart, the town has acquired a magnificent swimming bath which should be of immense benefit in teaching swimming, not only to the Borough, but to the whole youth of the neighbourhood. There has been some argument regarding the temperature due to the fact that some people use it simply as a swimming bath and others as a social centre and of course the latter prefer a temperature of 80° or more. The answer to this problem will have to be found by experience.

Council Housing

Bungalow accommodation is greatly in demand and is allocated by means of a points system which presents anomalies. A case of a man with a defective heart and his wife in hospital with a dislocated hip can only receive 10 points from me, which is the maximum I am allowed to allot. On the other hand, a perfectly healthy young couple, without a bathroom in their present house, receives the same number of points. This strikes me as being unfair. I am, however, allowed to make a special appeal to the Housing Committee in exceptionally hard cases.

Private Housing

A vast area of agricultural land surrounding the town has, during the last few years, been covered by a spread of new dwelling houses. One wonders how long this sort of thing can continue.

Central Council for Health Education

Tiverton Borough Council is one that contributes annually to this organisation, whose work is of the greatest benefit to this department.

Medical Services

All medical services are located at the upper end of the town, on the East side of the river. This causes considerable inconvenience to the aged residents in the lower end of the town as it necessitates two journeys, i.e., one to make an appointment and the second to keep it.

Old Age Pensioners

The above have been suffering real hardship due to the inflatory price of bus fares, which prevents them travelling into the town to escape that loneliness which is their chief enemy.

I am thankful to hear that at long last some attempt is being made to ameliorate this situation.

I would also urge, in the interest of the elderly, that bus services are not further reduced.

In making this statement I have the backing of the Tiverton Aged People's Association.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	253	139	114
Illegitimate	21	13	8
	<u>274</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>122</u>

Livebirths per 1,000 home population (crude rate) - 17.5
 Local adjusted rate - 18.6
 Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate - 1.16
 Illegimate live births as percentage of all live births - 8

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 7.

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	255	140	115
Illegitimate	21	13	8
	<u>276</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>123</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATE (Deaths under 1 year)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	9	9	-
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births - 15
 Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000
 legitimate live births - 12
 Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000
 illegitimate live births - 48.

NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE -

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births - 11

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE -

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births - 11

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE -

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per
1,000 total live and still births - 18

DEATHS - all ages

Males: 96. Females: 81. Total: 177.

DEATH RATES, ETC. - all ages

Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate) - 11.3
Local adjusted rate - 9.2
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate .79.

CAUSES OF DEATHS 1971

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	6	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	3
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	3
Hypertensive Disease	2	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	29	16
Other Forms of Heart Disease	6	8
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	17
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	1
Pneumonia	11	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	2
Appendicitis	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	2
Congenital Anomalies	-	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	2	-
All Other Accidents	3	3
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	-
<u>Total All Causes:</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>81</u>

DEATHS FROM CANCER DURING 1971

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Oesophagus	2	-
Stomach	2	2
Intestine	3	1
Larynx	1	-
Lung, Bronchus	2	1
Breast	-	3
Prostate	6	-
Other Sites	-	3
	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>

CANCER DEATHS 1952 - 1971

		Brought Forward:-	203
Adrenal	-	Oesophagus	17
Antrum	1	Ovary	5
Bile Duct	-	Pancreas	14
Bladder	7	Peritonei	5
Bowels	22	Pharynx	2
Brain	-	Prostate	19
Breast	49	Rectum	7
Bronchus	87	Stomach	89
Face	1	Testis	1
Gall Bladder	5	Throat	2
Intestine	13	Thyroid Gland	1
Kidney	2	Tongue	-
Larynx	2	Tonsil	1
Leg	1	Uterus	24
Liver	1	Vulva	-
Leukaemia	10	Vagina	-
Melanoma	1	Urethra	-
Maxilla	1	Lymphonotosis	4
Mouth	-	Other Sites	149
	<u>203</u>		<u>543</u>

Total Cancer Deaths 543

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Hospital Services

Mr. P. Le Fleming, Group Secretary to the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospital Management Committee, has given me the following report:-

"The level of work of the three Tiverton Hospitals during recent years was maintained throughout 1971, with a total of 2,023 patients discharged following in-patient treatment, of whom 1,697 were from the Tiverton & District Hospital. There were also 337 live births in the Maternity Unit at the District Hospital. 3,056 new patients attended out-patient clinics, and out-patient attendances totalled 8,371. The Casualty Department treated 4,666 new patients and there were 10,577 attendances at this department during the year.

"The Hospital Management Committee is keen to see a start made on the re-development of the Tiverton Hospital on the Belmont Hospital site, and although this scheme does not yet appear in the Regional Hospital Board's capital building programme, it is anticipated that active planning of the first stage will begin in the not too distant future. This phase will include new in-patient accommodation and departments for the geriatric patients at present in the Belmont Hospital, and will also include the facilities of a day hospital for these patients which will enable more of them to receive specialist hospital assessment and treatment whilst remaining in their own homes.

"Satisfactory negotiations have been conducted during the year between the hospital and local midwifery services to further improve the liaison in maternity care and to make the most efficient use of the facilities of the Maternity Unit at the Tiverton & District Hospital. It is hoped that these arrangements will enable the department to deal with increased maternity bookings in the future. Special attention has also been given during the year to the Casualty Department at the District Hospital, and the Regional

/Board ...

Board, recognising the importance of this service, is providing funds to improve the facilities and equipment of the department."

The Tiverton and District Hospital, although housed in old-fashioned premises, accomplishes a large programme of work as regards emergencies, in-patients, out-patients, consultants' clinics, in addition to routine operations and investigations.

It is a happy and efficient unit and I regard it as a priceless asset to the neighbourhood.

2. Domiciliary Midwifery

We have two district midwives. We are fortunate to have a M.R.C.O.G. resident in the town who can be called upon in difficult cases, and also a D.R.C.O.G.

3. Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory is situated in Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter.

4. Health Education

a. Smoking

Progress is being made in discouraging smoking among the general public.

b. Venereal Disease

No action is taken on V.D. as the incidence is very low and from outside sources.

5. Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers

None in the area.

6. Ambulance Facilities

Two ambulances operate in the district, one is centered in Tiverton and the other in Cullompton.

7. Clinics and Treatment Centres

Consultation Clinic

Wednesday 9 - 12 a.m. Dr. E. A. Chalk and three health visitors attend in rotation (if necessary).

Ophthalmic Clinic

Every fourth Monday, all day. Dr. Chaturvedi in attendance, by appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinic

Mondays all day and Thursday mornings by appointment with Mr. Warby.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic

Every Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m.

School Dental Service

Emergency treatment, Wednesday from 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Orthodontic treatment by Mr. Burnett first Friday in month.

Chiropody Clinic

Most Thursdays and Fridays by appointment. There is also a private Chiropodist who is doing valuable work and relieving our waiting list.

Hearing Assessment Clinic

Every third Tuesday in alternate months.

Ante-Natal Clinic

Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Run by District Midwives and Health Visitors. Talks on elementary dietetics, baby care etc.

Cervical Cytology

Once a month by arrangement with Doctor S. Jones in attendance.

Retirement Club

For the 65 to 70's, every second and fourth Friday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m.

Home Help Organisation

Based at the Clinic. Cases are dealt with by Mrs. Nott and Miss Warmington.

Mass Radiography

This valuable service continues to function smoothly, and pays weekly visits to the town.

Health Centre

I consider it unfortunate that Tiverton is lagging behind in the provision of a Health Centre but I understand it was to have been a key type with certain facilities available to the whole district.

I believe the chief obstacle has been that both firms of general practitioners have purpose built surgeries, which they very naturally would be loath to give up. The attachment of Health Visitors to practices appears to have been a great success.

Child Welfare Centre

Attendance for 1971 as follows:-

Total infants attending for the first time	-	176
Total number of sessions held		53
No. of sessions held with Assistant County M.O.H.	-	17
No. of attendances during 1971 - infants	-	1,271
" " " " " - 1-2 years old	-	194
" " " " " - 2-5 years old	-	148

The mothers and children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitors, and in their homes by the Health Visitor. Where necessary the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Held on 52 Tuesdays during the year. Mrs. D. A. Birch, the secretary, makes the appointments.

Number on Register at 31.1.71	-	234
Number on Register at 31.12.71	-	231
Sessions held	-	75
New cases	-	353
Admitted to hospital	-	96
Average weekly attendance	-	25
No. of attendances	-	1400
Admissions:-		
Adults	-	366
School age	-	49
Under School Age	-	42
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Total:		2871
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Scheme for Notification to Medical Officers of Health
of Congenital Defects Apparent at Birth

No action taken under this scheme at present.

Scheme for Provision of Incontinence Pads Service

No action taken. Need for this scheme in the Borough is not apparent.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation

This is done by the family doctor or by the school medical service.

Poliomyelitis

No case of this disease has occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis

New cases and mortality during 1971 - Nil.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis)
Regulations, 1925

No action taken.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Age Periods	Scarlet Fever		Dysentery		Measles		Whooping Cough	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2 years	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 to 9 years	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
10 to 14 years	4	1	1	-	-	-	2	-
15 to 24 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	9	3	2	1	-	2	2	2

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Fluoridation

The natural content of the Borough Water Supply is extremely low and no provision has yet been made to add fluoride artificially. The Council are uncommitted as to the value of this procedure.

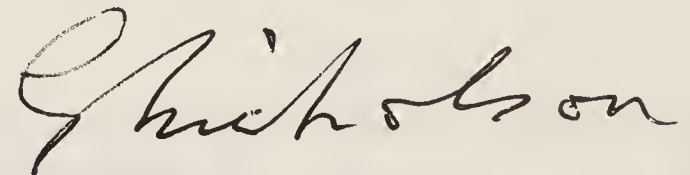
Sewage Disposal

The new Sewage Disposal works has operated satisfactorily and an acceptable final effluent is being obtained.

CONCLUSION

I was aggrieved to think that Mr. Charles Jeffries should have died so very soon after his retirement. It is terribly sad to think that a man who has worked so hard all his life should be denied a few years of leisure.

It is with pleasure I announce the appointment of Mr. R. F. Coldham, which took place during this year, and also that of Mr. G. A. Wiseman as our sorely needed second inspector. I wish them both every success.



GEORGE NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.

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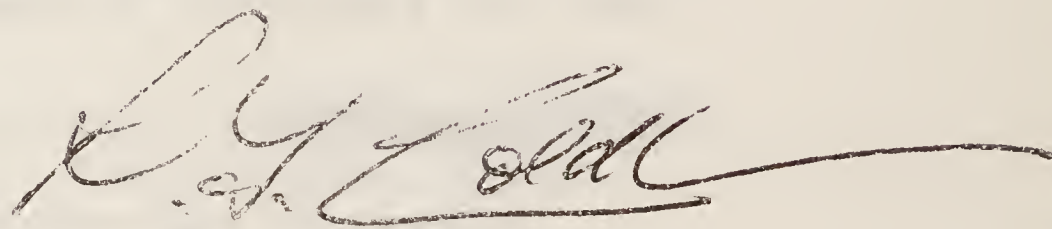
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Tiverton Borough Council

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit for your consideration my report for the year
ended 31st December, 1971.

I must record my appreciation for the support I have
received from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health
Committee, and from Doctor G. Nicholson, Medical Officer of
Health, and to the other Officers of the Council for their
co-operation during the year, and to my own staff for their
continued interest and loyal support at all times.



ROBERT F. COLDHAM

P U B L I C H E A L T H

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household and other refuse is collected weekly, except very rural parts which are fortnightly, by direct labour. Many shops and commercial premises have a twice weekly collection.

Disposal is by controlled tipping of household refuse and trade refuse is burnt on the tip.

Unwanted articles are collected on request. No disposal points are provided for householders to dispose of rubbish.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The urban part of the Borough is sewered, and disposal is at a new sewage disposal works at Holwell.

The rural dwellings of the Borough are provided with septic tanks, there only being a very few properties remaining with pail closets.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are eight public conveniences within the Borough. The conveniences at The Works and the Town Hall will be closed next year and it is proposed to build some new ones in Phoenix Lane, adjacent to the present bus station. Hand washing facilities are available in three of the eight conveniences.

NOISE ABATEMENT

During the year representations were made to several Contractors using pneumatic road breakers without muffs and full co-operation was received by this informal action.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging houses within the Borough.

TIVERTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING POOL

The new indoor swimming pool was opened early in the year. The water is heated and treated by pressure filtration and breakpoint chlorination. The flow is regulated so that all the water passes through the plant every four hours.

Routine residual chlorine and pH tests were taken for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter. All tests showed the water to be of a satisfactory degree of purity.

There were over 106,400 admissions to the pool during 1971.

DISINFESTATION

The steam disinfecting plant at the Tiverton and District Hospital was used once during the year.

In addition seven premises were disinfested by spraying with a suitable insecticide.

PEST DESTRUCTION

This Authority provides a free service for the treatment of rodents and pests to domestic premises and charges for treatments at business and agricultural premises.

Three premises were treated successfully following complaints of pigeons. Two premises were cleared of infestations of bats.

WASPS NESTS

During the year the charge for the treatment of Wasps nests was discontinued and 48 nests were destroyed.

H O U S I N G

Clearance Areas

1952 - 1970

372 properties were dealt with by Slum Clearance Procedure.

1971

Number of Clearance Areas Declared - 1 (Bartows Causeway/
Silver Street).

Number of properties involved - 12.

Closing Orders

One property was considered for Closing Order action under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957, but the owner submitted proposals to carry out extensive improvements and the Council approved this action.

Demolition Orders

There were no Demolition Orders made during the year.

Certificates of Disrepair

There were no Certificates of Disrepair issued during the year.

Housing Repairs

No Abatement Notices were served during the year.

Three properties were repaired following service of written informal notices.

Many other minor repairs were also attended to after an informal visit or telephone call to the owner.

Council Housing List

The number of applicants on the Council's Housing List at the end of 1971 was 403.

75 new tenancies were granted during the year.

168 new registrations were accepted during the year.

Improvement Grants

During 1971 the following table shows the number of grants dealt with:-

Standard Grants		
Number of Applications	Number Approved	Number Completed
16	15	12
Improvement Grants		
19	14	19

Qualification Certificates

10 Qualification Certificates were issued during the year.

W A T E R S U P P L Y

Practically the whole of the water supplied to the Borough was obtained from the North Devon Water Board's Allers Works.

The total quantity of water supplied to Tiverton Borough (including Cove, Withleigh and Chevithorne) in the 12 months ended 31st December, 1971, amounted to 284,000,000 gallons, an average daily consumption of 780,000 gallons, with a peak of 1,100,000 gallons.

The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made during the year to the Company's mains in Tiverton District amounted to 153, making a total of 5,700 connections on the 31st December, 1971.

The following new mains have been laid in the Tiverton District during the year:-

2" diameter -	50 yards
3" diameter -	391 yards
4" diameter -	2,146 yards
6" diameter -	810 yards.

The majority of the dwellings within the Borough have a mains piped supply within the building. There are some 20 properties remaining sharing standpipes, and there are 60 outlying farms and dwellings with private supplies. All these supplies are sampled from time to time and advice given where necessary.

ALLERS WORKS - WATER ANALYSES

Chemical Results in Parts per Million
of a typical sample

Colour	Nil
pH.	6.8
Electrical Conductivity	110
Chlorine present as Chloride	10
Hardness Total	40
Carbonate	15
Non-Carbonate	25
Nitrate Nitrogen	1.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.05
Metals (Iron, Zinc, Copper, Lead Manganese)	absent
Turbidity	nil
Odour	Chlorinous
Free Carbon Dioxide	5
Total Solids	80
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	15
Nitrite Nitrogen	absent
Permanganate Value	0.30
Residual Chlorine	0.25
Residual Fluoride	absent.

REMARKS

This sample is clear and bright in appearance and is free from metals. It has however a reaction slightly on the acid side of neutrality on account of which it will tend to show corrosive action on metals. The water is soft in character with a very moderate content of mineral and saline constituents. It is of a high standard of organic quality.

These results indicate a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic uses, from the aspect of the chemical analysis. It will however tend to show corrosive action on metals.

The aforementioned facts and figures have been provided by the courtesy of E. A. Robb, Esq., Dip. Civil Eng. A.R.T.C., Chief Engineer (South) to the North Devon Water Board.

F O O D A N D D R U G S

Type of Premises	No. of Premises	Complying with Reg. 16	Reg. 19 Applies	Complying with Reg. 19
Multiple Stores	6	6	6	6
Dairies	5	5	5	5
Butchers	9	9	9	9
Bakers	8	7	8	6
Fishmongers	2	1	2	2
Fish and Chip Friers	5	4	5	5
Restaurants and Cafes	14	13	14	14
Grocers	18	17	18	18
Chemists	5	5	5	5
Greengrocers	8	8	8	8
Confectioners	15	15	15	15
Licensed Premises	22	22	22	22
Factory Canteens	6	6	6	6
Hospitals etc.	6	6	6	6
School Canteens	15	15	15	15
Boarding House Accm.	18	18	18	18
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2
Totals:	164	159	164	162

FOOD HYGIENE

Wherever possible the use of detergent/sterilizers were recommended for washing up utensils and washing down equipment and surfaces.

Following representations, several shops in the town installed improved or additional refrigeration equipment, mainly for the display of cooked meats.

The Market continued to grow and regular inspections were made to ensure that a high standard of food hygiene is maintained.

FOOD HYGIENE continued

It was disappointing to find that the number of public houses using detergent/sterilizers for washing glasses was very low. It must be realised that a quick rinse under the tap will not kill any infectious germs.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Regular checks were made on the shops throughout the Borough to ensure suitable stock rotation was being carried out. From time to time it was noted that manufacturer's recommended shelf life had expired and the shopkeepers were advised accordingly. Representations were also made to the distributors to advise that adequate shelf life be given to commodities supplied to the shops.

Checks were made on refrigerator displays and deep freeze cabinets to ensure satisfactory temperature control methods were adequate.

UN SOUND FOODS

The following foodstuffs were examined at retail foodshops and certificates given when they were voluntarily surrendered.

	Tons	cwts.	lbs.
Tinned Meat	-	-	53
Other Tinned Food	-	3	58
Frozen Food	-	2	85
Miscellaneous	-	-	73
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Total:	-	7	45
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All condemned foodstuffs are disposed of by burying on the Controlled Tip, chloride of lime being used if necessary.

ICE CREAM

Two additional applications for registration under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 were received and approved.

SHOPS ACT

Inspection of shop premises during the year indicated that in the main the basic requirements of the Shops Act were met.

In addition to the 164 premises listed earlier as food premises there are a further 78 premises that could be classified as shops under the meaning of the Shops Act, 1950.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There is one poultry processing establishment in the Borough. 84 visits were made to the premises during the year.

The number of birds processed and condemned during 1971 is as follows:-

No. Condemned	Percentage Condemned	Hens	Broilers	Capons	
7,405 (22,158 lbs.)	.962	110,006	604,978	54,991	769,975

Birds were rejected by the 'spotter' system used in the plant and check visits made by members of this Department.

I N S P E C T I O N S E T C.

The following visits for inspection or re-inspection under various Acts have been made:-

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Dwelling Houses	61
Keeping of Animals	6
Offensive accumulations	7
Dust and effluvia	1
Drains and Sewers	164
Closets	18
Inns, restaurants and cinemas etc.	44
Verminous premises	2
Infectious diseases	10
Water supply	67
Swimming pool	16
Home safety	3
Refuse Tip	10

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

Miscellaneous	9
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HOUSING ACTS

Individual Unfit	5
Clearance	48
Overcrowding	1
Improvement Grants	227
Qualification Certificates	14

FACTORIES ACT

Power	7
Non-power	1
Building Sites	5
Outworkers	17

<u>CARAVAN SITES ACT, 1960</u>	
Caravan Sites	18
<u>FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955</u>	
Hygiene Regulations/Byelaws - Shops	146
do. Stalls and Vehicles	33
Ice Cream permises	13
<u>OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963</u>	113
<u>PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION)ACT 1928</u>	18
<u>PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949</u>	
Rodents - Domestic premises	8
Business premises	4
Insects	2
<u>EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875</u>	15
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R O D E N T C O N T R O L

Annual Report as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

<u>Properties other than sewers</u>	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in District	6,395	239
2. (a) Total number of properties, including nearby premises, inspected following notification	85	6
(b) Number infested by:-		
i. rats	53	5
ii. mice	16	1
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notification	25	37
(b) Number infested by:-		
i. rats	7	7
ii. mice	2	1

The following table shows the number of rats caught in traps at the various sites:-

1970	Premises	1971
27	Fire Station	11
30	Long Drag	22
17	John Heathcoat and Company	28
71	Starkey, Knight and Ford Brewery	10
62	W. H. Punchard and Son, Haypark	12
13	Council Depot, St. Andrew Street	19
11	Woodgates Car Park	16
22	South Western Farmers, Kennedy Way	29
14	Globe Elastic Thread Company	20
10	Underhill, Bolham Road	52
7	Post Hill Hospital	12
8	Knightshayes Estate Yard	16
15	Cottey Brook	20
13	Railway Yard	16
320	Total for 1971:	283

SEWERS

Two treatments of the sewers throughout the Borough were carried out in April and September with the following results:-

April

Total number of manholes - 529
Number of manholes treated - 55
Number of manholes showing takes - 3.

September

Number of manholes treated - 55
Number of manholes showing takes - 3.

CONTRACTS

There are 13 concerns in the town which have contracts with the Council for the destruction of rodents. Visits to these premises vary in regularity from daily to once every six weeks, according to need.

ASHLEY REFUSE TIP

Seven treatments to the tip were carried out. 41 bodies were recovered, and the total estimated kill amounted to 132.

Regular spraying was carried out to keep any Fly infestations to a minimum.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registration and General Inspections

	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year
Offices	2	38	5
Retail Shops	7	124	59
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	-	1	1
Catering Establishments open to the public and canteens	3	15	7
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-
Totals:	12	179	72

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises - 113

Analysis of Contraventions Found and Rectified

Section	Contravention	Number Found
4	Cleanliness	15
6	Temperature	6
7	Ventilation	6
8	Lighting	9
10	Washing Facilities	11
11	Supply of drinking water	5
12	Clothing accommodation	1
16	Floors, passages and stairs	10
24	First Aid	20
	Other matters	15

The above contraventions are being dealt with informally by co-operation with the occupiers of the premises involved.

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices	- 276
Retail Shops	- 561
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	- 24
Catering Establishments open to the public	- 68
Canteens	- 2
Fuel Storage Depots	- 15
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Total:	<u>946</u>

Males: 373 Females: 573.

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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	65	6	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	10	-	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
a. Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
b. Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	-	-	-

O U T W O R K

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel Making etc.	7	-	-	-	-	-
Cosaques, Christmas stockings etc.	14	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	21	-	-	-	-	-

